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1. AM REPORTING THE FOLLOWING FOR WHAT IT TELLS ABOUT ATMOSPHERICS AS THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR BEGINS AND THE PRESIDENT'S PLANNED VISIT DRAWS NEARER, AND ALSO AS A BENCHMARK FOR JUDGING FUTURE CHANGES IN MOOD.

2. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CONGEN AND PEKING'S VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES HERE, ALWAYS REASONABLY CORDIAL, HAVE NOTICEABLY GAINED IN WARMTH IN RECENT WEEKS. AT A RECEPTION I GAVE JULY 15 FOR MEL SEARLS, THE NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE, ALL THE TOP CADRE FROM CHINA RESOURCES AND OTHER OFFICES TURNED OUT AND WERE VERY TALKATIVE AND UNUSUALLY POSITIVE ABOUT SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. FEI I-MIN THE TA KUNG PAO EDITOR IS GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO BE DEMONSTRABLY FRIENDLY TO ME AND OTHERS FROM THE CONGEN WHEN WE MEET IN PUBLIC THESE DAYS, AND BOTH HE AND FRONT-MAN PERCY CHEN ARE EXTENDING HOSPITALITY TO POL CHIEF MCCALL AS LATTER DEPARTS. FEI HAS ALSO TOLD OTHER OFFICERS HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THEM IN HIS OFFICE AND FOR LUNCH. OBVIOUSLY THESE CADRES ARE READING THE SIGNS COMING FROM PEKING IN THIS POST-VIETNAM PERIOD AND PRESENTLY FIND IN THEM ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BEING WARMER TOWARD US.

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